



**BUSINESS BUILDING BOOM** . . . How the central Torrance business district has grown in the last five years can be seen by comparing these two Chamber of Commerce aerial views. Photo at left shows the city as it looked to the aerial cameras last week while the photo directly above (taken in 1945) shows where 26 new business buildings have been erected since that time (note slant line areas).—(Pictures by Pacific Air Photos).



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**Local Woman Attends Funeral of Brother Killed by Tree**

Returning by air this week from Ringsted, Iowa, where she attended the funeral of her brother, was Mrs. Gladys Weston, 2770 Pacific Coast highway, a member of the board of directors of the Torrance branch of the American Red Cross.

Her brother, Orval M. Neilson, a 46-year-old bulldozer operator, was killed in Arcadia, Calif., June 29 when a tree he was uprooting fell backward over the tractor, striking him in the chest.

Enroute to the funeral on July 3, Mrs. Weston was delayed twice by foul weather and once with a broken fuel pump on the airliner.

**Suffers Injuries in Spill**  
Spilled from her bicycle as she pedaled behind a backing auto, 10-year-old Donna Paultridge, 1517 West 216th street, sustained minor cuts and bruises about the arm and knee last Thursday.

Police listed the driver of the auto as a neighbor, Mrs. Laura M. Pisel, 39, 1524 West 216th street.

**CAMPUS IMPROVEMENT CONTRACTS AWARDED**

Additional campus improvements and plans for permanent building construction occupied the time of the El Camino College Board of Trustees at its regular meeting Tuesday, July 11, at the college.

The Board awarded contract in the amount of \$53,824.98 to G. C. Fisher Paving Company of South Gate for installation of curbs, gutters, sidewalks and private driveway paving along Crenshaw and Manhattan Beach boulevard, including additional student parking areas. This work is slated to commence within the next two weeks and to be completed by the beginning of the fall semester in September. Bids for this work were received from eleven contractors and ranged from the low bid to a high of \$69,332.49. Engineer's estimate for the work was \$65,000.00.

The board also approved preliminary plans for Life Science and Chemistry buildings as presented by the architects, Marsh, Smith and Powell of Los Angeles and authorized completion of the architects' detailed drawings. Construction of these buildings is contemplated during the present fiscal year. In other actions the board took under advisement and study proposed merit system for non-certificated personnel presented by John H. England, Chief of the Cooperative Personnel Services of the California State Personnel Board.

Approved interdistrict agreements with Mt. San Antonio and Long Beach Junior College Districts for the interchange of pupils. Awarded contract for automobile fire, theft and collision insurance to the South Bay Insurance Agents Association.

Accepted the resignation of Instructors Charles Morris and Wallace Muelder. Muelder, who has been an instructor at El Camino College for the past two years, has accepted a position as assistant superintendent of Riverside County Schools.

Approved the employment of Lester R. Goltart as an instructor in welding and biological science, and Jack W. Hudson Jr. as an instructor in zoology and anatomy.

Validated the employment of Betty Jean Weathers of El Segundo as a typist-clerk and Harold D. Gaston of Redondo Beach as a custodian.

**Car Skirts Stolen**  
A set of fender skirts were taken from his car as it was parked in front of 822 Sartori avenue last Saturday night, Robert O'Gair told Torrance police this week.

**Reflections**

**One Good Deed Every Day**

By J. Hugh Sherkey, Jr.



A 78 year old lady has a delightful philosophy. "Most people my age look back," she says with a warm smile. "I think back and talk in the past. I look ahead, think ahead, try to act as if I had another hundred years to live. I have little of worldly goods but I am rich in friends. I make and keep them by being thoughtful, doing at least one good deed every day, if no more than telephone calls—write a note to a shut-in, give my neighbor a hearty 'good morning,' a pleasant smile to a clerk and a sincere 'thank you' to my postman."

There you have a secret of perpetual youth. You have opened the purse to great wealth. You have a simple formula for all the finer things that money cannot buy. All of us can light a smile-candle for one who is in the dark, curb a sharp word and find a soft reply, be thoughtful of others, and smile.

The thoughtful acts we do are like freshly painted mile-omats on the road of life; they help others, cost us nothing, and bring bountiful returns.

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